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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Patty O'Toole, Fish and Wildlife Division Director

SUBJECT: Fish and Wildlife Division tasks - 2021

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Patty O'Toole

Summary: As 2020 wraps up this month we look back on a busy year with the completion of the Fish and Wildlife Program Amendment process and the Resident Fish and Sturgeon Project Review, among other tasks. At the December Council meeting staff will provide a brief look ahead to some of the division tasks in 2021. Next year will bring a continued focus on evaluation of the performance of the Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. One important task related to performance will be to implement the Council's 2020 Fish and Wildlife Program Addendum Part I by compiling information related to the Strategy Performance Indicators described in Part I and forming a work group of fish and wildlife managers and others to provide guidance to the Council on compiling, assessing, tracking and reporting on the program goals, objectives and strategy performance indicators.

Implementation of the 2014 Fish and Wildlife Program, and its 2020 Addendum will occur in 2021 including the kick-off of the Anadromous Habitat and Hatchery Project Review. This review is scheduled to begin in February and will include over 130 projects. Staff also envisions that it will conduct outreach with program partners in 2021 to discuss options for how project reviews may be conducted in the future. Other aspects of

implementation will be addressed including continuing discussion with Bonneville regarding implementation of Council program priorities while Bonneville is holding the program implementation budget at or below inflation levels per their strategic plan.

Further, additional program implementation activities expected to continue in 2021 include implementation of the Council's Asset Management Strategic Plan, the informal Hatchery Work Group and the Ocean Forum.

Workplan: The Council's Fish and Wildlife Division will be updating its workplan for 2021 which will be described in more detail at an upcoming Fish and Wildlife Committee meeting.